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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 335  
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A RESOLUTION providing for directional signs on Interstate 24 indicating that Interstate 840 is a route to the City of Murfreesboro.

WHEREAS, Murfreesboro is one of the fastest growing municipalities in the state of Tennessee and the nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, located in the geographic center of Tennessee with several interchanges on Interstate 24 providing access to numerous other major highways, the City of Murfreesboro is a leader in economic growth in the region; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, Murfreesboro's average annual employment has grown at a rate well above the rate for the nation and state; and

WHEREAS, Murfreesboro's population has also grown at an astounding rate; and

WHEREAS, serving a trade area of over 300,000 people, Murfreesboro is a major transportation and distribution center; and

WHEREAS, retail sales in Rutherford County (of which Murfreesboro is the county seat) exceeded one billion dollars for the first time in 1994, and the prospects are for that figure to explode in the future as the expansion of retail facilities and markets continues at an unprecedented rate; and

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WHEREAS, the explosive growth experienced by Murfreesboro makes the city a popular destination for thousands of Tennesseans and out-of-state motorists for industrial, commercial, recreational and numerous other purposes; and

WHEREAS, such motorists should be informed that Interstate 840 East is a viable route to the City of Murfreesboro from Interstate 24; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Department of Transportation is hereby directed to erect and maintain directional signs at appropriate locations on Interstate 24, both eastbound and westbound, such signs to indicate that Interstate 840 East is a route to the City of Murfreesboro.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.